

NRCS CULTURAL RESOURCES TRIP REPORT

To: Bill Forbes

Date Reviewed: 4/19/02

Customer No: vtru1002

Office Assisted: Rutland

State: VT

Customer:

Town: Benson

County: Rutland

USGS Quad: Benson

Fund: CRP

PL-566 No:

FY: 2002

Practice:

1 Animal Trails & Walkways
2
3

Code:

575

Length

260

Width

16

Depth

1

Unit

ft

Soils:

Livingston

Project Description:

Review Type: surface survey

I examined the area of potential effect for the cattle lane/accessed/stream crossing, portions of which are located along the Hubbardton River. Such environmental settings may have been used by precontact Native Americans as habitation or special use sites. Any ground disturbance planned to intact soils within this archeologically sensitive landform has the potential to adversely effect significant cultural resources.

Results:

An existing, severely disturbed cattle lane/access road will be upgraded by removing muck soil and then adding geotextile fabric and gravel to strengthen the lane. Intensive animal and vehicle use along the project area has eroded/disturbed the upper soil horizons where intact archeological deposits are typically found. Approximately two feet of material, and perhaps more, has been lost on either side of the Hubbardton River. All work will occur within the disturbed soils that lack suitable archeological context. There will be no disturbance to the top of bank or any intact soils that are considered sensitive for containing precontact Native American archeological deposits. No precontact or historic period artifacts or cultural features were identified during the archeological assessment of this project.

As the project is currently designed it does not appear that any important archeological sites or properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by installation of the animal trails project. A finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** was made for the proposed conservation practice because there will be no disturbance to any archeologically sensitive landforms and because no artifacts or cultural features were identified during the investigation. No further archeological review is recommended at this time.

Determination of Effect: No Historic Properties Affected

Agreed-To-Actions:

Additional cultural resources review will be required if there are modifications to the project design that includes changes in the location or extent of earth moving activities or if unexpected archeological resources are exposed during construction. Otherwise no further cultural resources review is necessary.

Recommended Follow-up:

None required at this time unless any of the criteria described in Agreed-to-Actions above are met.

Recorded Sites: none

Sensitivity Rank: 12

Sites Identified: none

National Register Eligibility:

Site Number:

Signed: _____

Title: Archeologist

Date: 6/3/02